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1. ASMC HILITES. -- EC SAID CURRENT LEVEL OF RESTITU-
TIONS ARE TO QUOTE MEET WORLD CONDITIONS UNQUOTE. EC
EXPECTS TO EXPORT 7 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT DURING AUG '74
- JULY 75. CARRYOVER STOCKS AS OF AUG 1, '75 EXPECTED
TO BE MORE THAN 6 MILLION INCLUDING INTERVENTIONS A AND
B, COMMERCIAL AND FARM. SWEDEN SAID WINTER-KILL BELOW
EXPECTATIONS. SWISS CROP CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED.
AUSTRALIAN CONDITIONS NOT AS GOOD AS EARLIER STATED. DUE
TO DROUGHT EXPECT PLANTINGS TO ONLY AMOUNT TO 9 MILLION
HECTARES.

2. EXCOMM HILITES. -- EC SAID INTERNAL PROBLEMS WORKED
OUT AND WILL BE SENDING AIDE MEMOIRE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES
SAYING THEY WILL ACCEDE TO IWA. WORLD WHEAT PRODUCTION
DURING 75/76 EXPECTED TO BE 7 PERCENT GREATER THAN LAST
YEAR AT 370 MILLION METRIC TONS. TRADE WILL PROBABLY
REMAIN HIGH AND STOCK LEVEL IMPROVE. SEVERAL DELEGATES
SAID RANGES OF FORECAST DOCUMENT TOO WIDE, HOPE TO NARROW
BY JUNE 20.

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3. BUDGET. -- SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING US, EXPRESSED

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CONCERN AT 70 PLUS PERCENT INCREASE OVER CURRENT YEAR. MAIN REASONS FOR INCREASE ARE SALARIES, RENT AND PREP COMM EXPENSES. DIFFICULT TO SEE WHERE SAVINGS CAN BE MADE IN ITEM BY ITEM REVIEW. BUDGET WILL NOW GO TO COUNCIL FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE SALARY. -- CANADA MADE SUGGESTION THAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAROTTE) IS TOP CLASS EXECUTIVE AND NOT BEING ADEQUATELY REMUNERATED. HE HAS SAME SALARY AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF SUGAR ORGANIZATION BUT LOWER THAN HEADS OF OTHER LONDON BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SUGAR EXECUTIVE SALARY UNDER REVIEW. ALL DELEGATIONS AGREED PAROTTE EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN AND SALARY SHOULD BE REVIEWED. USSR SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED, OTHER DELEGATIONS DISAGREED ABOUT WAIT. CANADA WILL BRING SUBJECT UP AT JUNE COUNCIL SESSION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT OF AIRGRAM TO FOLLOW. SPIERS

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